to show abnormal growth of jhuggis in Delhi during the last couple of years.

(b) It is the policy of the Government not to permit fresh encroachment or unauhorised construction on public land. The land owning agencies have been advised to be vigilant and undertake regular petrolling for safeguarding the vacant land pockets for curbing the growth of slums in Delhi.

Non-functioning of weighing machines at Railway Stations

2025. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of weighing machines at Railway Stations and platforms are always non-functioning;

(b) which monitering unit is responsible for smooth functioning of these machines; and

(c) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rectification of construction defects in Ashok Vihar Phase-III, Delhi

2026. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Residents Welfare Association, Pocket B Phase-III Ashok Vihar, Delhi had in their representation dated the 20th May, 1989 requested for the rectification of construction defects besides complaints for non-utilisation of the funds allocated to the said Pocket by DDA Engineering Staff;

(b) if so, whether the construction defects as pointed out by the Association in their representation have been rectified;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for delay in rectifying the construction defects in the flats; and

(d) what action has been taken for the nonutilisation of the funds earmarked for pocket B, Phase III, Ashok Vihar?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The construction defects pointed out by the residents welfare Association Pocket B, Phase III, Ashok Viahr, Delhi have already been rectified. However, maintenance of these flats is no longer the responsibility of the DDA.

(c) and (d) Question do not arise in view of the above.

Manufacturing cost of Vanaspati

2027. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the manufacturing cost of Vanaspati per tonne excluding oil value;

(b) what is the quantity of imported oil supplied by S.T.C. to Vanaspati industry during the last three years; and

(c) what is the price escalation since October 1989 to December 1989, January 1990 to March 1990 and April 1990 to 15th July, 1990 per Kg.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The manufacturing/processing cost of vanaspati excluding oil value, packing and taxes etc. is around Rs. 1825/- per tonne.

(b) The quantity of imported oil supplied by State Trading Corporation of